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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF INFORMATION EXPRESSES INTEREST IN
GREATER COOPERATION

1. IN COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF INFORMATION, DR. MOHAMED ABDU YAMANI, WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED, INCLUDING CLOSER COORDINATION OF U.S. AND SAUDI INFORMATION SERVICES TO EMPHASIZE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA. TOWARD END OF CONFERENCE YAMANI VOLUNTEERED THAT SAUDI TELEVISION SYSTEM AND OTHER SAUDI MEDIA COULD BE USED MORE TO EXPLAIN AMERICAN POSITIONS TO SAUDIS, INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS AMERICAN POSITION ON THE BOYCOTT.

2. COMMENT: A RATHER INTERESTING OBSERVATION IN VIEW OF YAMANI'S REPUTATION AS AN ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ON RELIGION AND POLITICAL MATTERS. IN FACT, YAMANI TOOK A RELATIVELY LIBERAL LINE ON SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUES AS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SAUDI ARABIA. HE HAS A DEGREE FROM CORNELL AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE U.S. TO STUDY ADVANCES IN EDUCATIONAL TV AND OTHER RELATED FIELDS. HE SEEMED INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH THE USG IN DEVELOPING TV AND RADIO PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN EDUCATIONAL FIELDS AND IN AREAS THAT WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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